

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 7, 11 and 24-25 are presently pending. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-23 and 26-37 have been cancelled to expedite prosecution.

Claims 24-25 have been allowed. Claims 7 and 11 have been amended to include many of the limitations of objected to claims 10 and 14 as well as intervening claims 8, 9, 12 and 13 and therefore are believed allowable.

While the Applicant's attorney disagrees with the Examiner's rejections and reasoning in the outstanding Office Action, claims have been cancelled to expedite prosecution.

Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

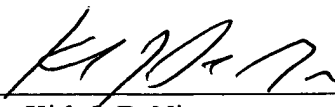
Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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